

as they deem right and proper, subject to the general requirements of local laws applicable to the creation of public debt. Funds to be appropriated or borrowed for a regional community college shall be provided for on a pro rata basis determined by the ratio of population of each of the counties comprising the region and supporting said regional community college [.] to the population of the entire region. For the purposes of this section the population of the respective counties shall be as determined by the State Department of Health from time to time.

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(a) *The State Board for Community Colleges is created to consist of seven members. One of the members always shall be the State Superintendent of Schools. The other six members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate from among citizens of the State who are known for their interest in civic and public affairs and for their knowledge and perception in educational matters. The six members first appointed shall be appointed respectively for terms of from one to six years and, as each of these terms expires, and thereafter, a successor shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for a full term of six years. A member of the Board may be appointed to successive terms. The Governor shall include one member of the State Board of Education among his initial six appointments.*

(b) *The State Board for Community Colleges shall serve until June 30, 1969, as an advisory board to the State Board of Education with respect to the operation, ~~control~~ PROMOTION and functions of the several community colleges. From and after July 1, 1969, the State Board for Community Colleges, acting under the provisions of this section, shall have and exercise full State-wide responsibility for the several community colleges.*

(c) *From the time of its establishment, the State Board for Community Colleges may employ a full-time salaried director to carry out its day-to-day functions under the control of the Board and it may employ such additional staff members, employees and assistants as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Board and as may be provided in the budget from time to time.*

(d) *From and after July 1, 1969, the State Board for Community Colleges has the following powers, duties and functions:*

(1) *To establish general policies for the operation of the State's community colleges;*

(2) *To conduct studies on the problems of community college education;*

(3) *To assist the community colleges individually or collectively by providing expert professional advice in all areas of their activities;*

(4) *To review and advise upon all curriculum proposals for newly-established community colleges and for proposed major additions to or modifications of programs in existing community colleges;*

(5) *To recommend, review and advise upon proposals for the establishment of new community colleges;*